

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

THEY WANT WOMEN EXCLUDED. Some of the members of the Crescent Athletic Club have drawn up a petition to the Board of Governors, asking that women be excluded from the house of the club in Bay Ridge, on Saturdays and Sundays, so that the 1,500 members of the club may have the exclusive privileges of the house on those days. The club is the largest and most popular in the city, and many members have been in the habit of taking their wives, sisters and other relatives and friends to the clubhouse on Saturday and Sunday evenings, when more of the members are free to go to the clubhouse than at any other time, the building and its broad plazas are thronged, and it is often difficult to secure service in the dining-room. For these reasons the petition has been posted.

It will put up on Saturday evening in the Bay Ridge house, and open to women visitors that day and the next, but on Sunday it was transferred to the house of the club, No. 217 Prospect Avenue. It will be acted upon at the next meeting of the governors.

THE MCKEE TRIAL POSTPONED AGAIN.

The trial of Alderman William McKee, for his share in the payment by the city of fraudulent and exorbitant bills for the Columbian celebration, has fallen, before the jury sworn in last week, and which heard part of the prosecuting evidence, was summarily ended in the Court of Sessions yesterday by Judge Moore on account of the illness of Associate Justice Kelly. The latter's physician said that he could not attend the trial this week, and as no other trial could go on with that one unfinished, Judge Moore discharged the jury, and then another Justice of the Peace was put on the bench in place of Kelly, and another trial of a petty case was begun. The case of McKee will be begun again, and he cannot try any ball cases next month, as that is devoted to clearing up jail cases, and unless the trial takes place that month it will go over until the fall. The counsel in the case consented to the division of the trial and to the adjournment of the trial until June 15.

THE PRESBYTERY MEETS.

The Brooklyn Presbytery held a meeting last evening in the Arlington Avenue Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were made to install the Rev. G. N. Makely as pastor of the Cumberland Street Presbyterian Church, on Thursday evening. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Barnes, of Albany, will preach. Steps were taken to urge the incorporation of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, for whose use the late Colonel E. F. Shepard gave a house in First Place.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Bridge Treasurer Clark paid \$200,000 into the treasury of Brooklyn and \$100,000 into the treasury of New York yesterday from the surplus earnings of the Bridge.

The Bridge trustees procured a handsomely carved and upholstered chair for the Infanta to occupy in her trip over the Bridge by train on Saturday. After it was used it was taken to the Bridge office and placed in the Superintendent's room. President Howell proposed to present it to Mayor Roody, but yesterday the chair could not be found, and it is supposed that some enterprising relic-hunter has secured it.

Jefferson L. James, a colored theological student, of No. 605 Decatur, was before Police Justice Tighe yesterday on a charge of threatening to shoot the Rev. R. L. Gaines, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church. James was a student in Colgate University, but lost his mental balance through overstudy a few months ago. He thinks people are trying to kill him to get property which he has inherited in North Carolina.

ACCUSED OF BEATING HIS BOY.

A COMPLAINT MADE IN COURT BY THE YOUNG SON OF DR. E. T. OSBALDISTON.

Agent Barkley, of Mr. Gerr's society, by order of Justice Meade at the Yorkville Police Court, yesterday began to investigate a complaint of cruelty made against Dr. Edwin T. Osbaldeston, the Swedish massage operator, of No. 75 West Forty-third St., by his son, Edward, ten years old. Yesterday afternoon the boy told the Justice that his father had beaten him repeatedly with a flagon without reason, and that his body was covered with bruises. He added that his mother had advised him to leave home and place himself in the protection of Mr. Gerr's society. The agent examined the boy's body, by order of the Court, and found it badly bruised. Edwin said that he had been compelled to leave home often on account of his father's severity and seek refuge for days at a time in the Bronx, at One-hundred-and-fifty-eighth and One-hundred-and-forty-eighth.

At the request of Agent Barkley a summons was issued for the doctor's appearance in court to-day. The boy in the meantime will be taken care of by Mr. Gerr's society.

MASONS TO MEET TO-DAY.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

The 112th commencement of the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York will begin to-day at the Masonic Temple, Twenty-third and Sixty-eighth, and will continue through Wednesday and Thursday. Seven hundred and twenty-six lodges will be represented by one delegate each, and the members of the Grand Lodge will swell the number of Masons present to about 1,000. At to-day's session the grand master will make his annual address and reports will be read by the grand treasurer, grand secretary and the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. All the standing committees will also be appointed. Wednesday will be devoted to the election of grand officers. The present grand master, James Teneyck, will decline re-election. Deputy Grand Master Burnham will probably be elected grand master and all the grand officers will move up one step and be re-elected, with the exception of Grand Warden, for which there will be a contest.

A prominent Mason told a Tribune reporter that R. W. Charles M. Wickwire, past deputy of the Seventeenth District, would in all probability be elected to that office.

The subject of greatest interest to Masons at this commencement will be the report of the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. Masons take a pride in the asylum, which is situated in Utica, and to which an income of \$80,000 a year is devoted. In two years the trustees acquired 170 acres of land and built an addition valued at \$200,000, and still have on hand \$200,000 unvested.

HE FRACTURED HIS AUNT'S SKULL.

THE NEPHEW COMMITTED WITHOUT BAIL TO AWAIT THE RESULT OF A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

In the Yorkville Police Court yesterday Justice Meade committed Richard T. Leach, thirty-two years old, to prison without bail to await the result of the injuries which he inflicted on his aunt, Mrs. Mary Moore, last Thursday morning, both at No. 142 West Sixty-seventh. Mrs. Moore was forty-four years old. It is believed to her home in a critical condition. She has a fracture of the skull and cuts in her scalp which required thirteen stitches to close up. Leach is related to Mrs. Moore by every respect. The trial will be postponed until next Thursday or Friday and will be made under the direction of a board of officers consisting of Rear-Admiral Ellington, Captain George C. Remey, Commanders Philip H. Cooper and Gager Goodrich, Chief Engineers William W. Beaton, Charles B. Roeker and Herschel Main, Lieutenant Commander Joseph N. Hempill, Lieutenant L. L. Remey, Naval Constructors Joseph Feaster and Assistant Naval Constructor George W. Street. The course will be a straight one, thirty miles long and return, from Stratford Sheaf Light steam northeast to the outer mark abreast of Horton's Neck, Long Island.

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The Machias is a steel gunboat, designed for service in waters where only light draught vessels can be used. She is the first of the new steel guns completed in the Dirigo State. She is 190 feet long on the load line, with an extreme breadth of thirty-two feet, a main draft of twelve feet and a displacement of 1,050 tons. Her twin screw, vertical, triple expansion engines were supplied by the contract to have an aggregate of 1,600 indicated horsepower, and to give her a speed of thirteen knots. The diameter of her high-pressure cylinder is fifteen and three-fourths inches; the intermediate, twenty-two and one-half, and the low pressure, thirty-five inches. Her total capacity will enable her to steam without taking in a fresh supply, 2,152 miles at her maximum speed; and on ten knots, on only 900 horsepower, she can steam 4,668 knots without replenishing her bunkers.

The offensive armament of the Machias consists of eight four-inch rapid fire guns, six on the main deck, one on the pop, and one on the forecastle deck. She also carries four six-pound rapid fire guns, two on the main deck and two on the pop deck; two one pound rapid fire guns on the main deck, and one bow torpedo tube, fifteen inches in diameter. The gun mountings consist of two and one-fourth inch armor around the mounted guns on the main deck, and one-inch armor around the six and the one-pound guns. She also has a belt of armor along the side, five-eighths of an inch thick, and the hull and the bell tower. This is expected to act as an automatic caulk, in case her hull should be puffed by an enemy's shot, closing, or partially closing, the aperture until such time as the vessel can be docked for repairs.

SELLING ORIENTAL RUGS AND CARPETS.

This will be the last day of the important auction sale of Persian rugs, carpets, etc., at No. 10 East Twenty-third, between Broadway and Fourth-avenue. The selling will begin at 11 a. m. and at 3 p. m. H. H. Toplakian announces the sale, and says that it is a new invoice of choice antiques and modern Eastern rugs and carpets, designed originally for the Persian section of the World's Fair exhibition, but to be sold in this city on account of lack of space in the Persian section. George H. Weigert is the auctioneer.

GETTING FIRE ISLAND READY.

Health Officer Jenkins and a force of carpenters are at work on the Fire Island Hotel, which was sold to the State last summer. The hotel will soon be open for the reception of guests. Dr. Jenkins is paying particular attention to the hitherto crude and inadequate facilities for disembarking passengers and is doing his best toward preventing a repetition of the experiences of a year ago. It is understood that the Fire Island quarters will be reserved for those who are altogether free from disease.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.
Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

BARTHOLDI—Lieutenant Robert E. Peary, United States Navy; FIFTH AVENUE—Over L. Spaulding, Assistant Secretary of State; Senator Stevenson Burke, of Cleveland, and William E. Quinley, of Detroit. GRAND ARMY—Lieutenant Richard Washington, United States Navy. HOFFMAN—Colonel William P. Craighead, United States Army, and William L. Elkins, and P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia. MURRAY HILL—Ex-Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley, of Connecticut. ST. JAMES—L. F. McKinney, United States Minister to Colombia, and General Victor Vizcaya, of St. Petersburg. WALDORF—Ex-governor John Lee Carroll, of Maryland.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Custom House investigation, Board Room, 10:30 a. m. New-York Jockey Club races, Morris Park, 2:30 p. m. United States House and Cable Association, show, Madison Hotel. LAURENCE—Health Protection Association, No. 59 West Fifth-avenue, 10:30 a. m. Lauder-Sage suit, Supreme Court, New-York. Louis baseball match, Polo Grounds, 4 p. m. National Trotting Association, Congress, Murray Hill Hotel.

Kings County Republican General Committee, 8 p. m. The Regimental life practice, Creditmen. Annual convention of Free Masons, Masonic Temple, Historical Society, Eleventh, and Second-avenue, 8 p. m. Astro Fund annual meeting, Madison Square Theatre, 11 a. m.

Board of Aldermen, City Hall, noon. American Institute, Photographic Section, No. 113 West Thirty-eighth, S. p. m. Police and Fire Commissioners' meetings.

Music in Mount Morris Park by 1st Regiment Band, 8 p. m. Irish anniversary meeting, Cooper Union, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The National Cigarette and Tobacco Company, manufacturers of the "Admiral" cigarettes, have purchased a seven-story factory covering five single lots to be used in addition to their present factory in First-avenue. The new factory is in West Forty-third-st., near Eighth-avenue.

The June Grand Jurors took the oath of office yesterday before Judge Cowing in the Court of General Sessions. Henry S. Herman, a real estate broker, of No. 155 Broadway, was appointed the foreman. Judge Cowing delivered the statutory charge. He said that there were only sixty-six prisoners awaiting the action of the Grand Jury.

An election of trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was held yesterday afternoon. Adrian Iselin, Jr., was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel E. Sprouts, and George C. Bowdoin will take the place held by General James W. Huston.

Many favorable comments have been made since the Memorial Day parade upon the excellent appearance of the veterans. Grand Marshal Harry enlivened the support of all the post commanders, and in general orders, speeches and circular letters to them aroused their pride and ambition and through them reached the men. The parade was well planned and well executed and the grand marshal and his commanders deserve praise and congratulation.

In the matter of the attachment levied on the commission accounts of the sutlers, William Mills of Williamson, Mass., by Edward N. Myers & Brother, the Myers firm says that the affair has been amicably adjusted and the attachment has been vacated.

July watch broke yesterday on the Produce Exchange, and at the close sold for 3 cents a bushel less than at the close of business on Saturday. The fall off was due to the good weather and the unsold condition of many little and large stocks.

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THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TAKES HOLD.

District Attorney De Lancey Sheldon returned to this city yesterday from his Chicago trip, and was at his office yesterday morning. Assistant District Attorney Weeks, who has been in charge of the office, conferred with his chief for two or three hours in reference to the investigation conducted by Mr. Weeks of the mysterious death of Bernhard H. Ginteroller on May 21. Mr. Weeks called upon over the telephone to the office of the DA. He said he had made a decision in the case, but would probably be ready to announce it in a few days after the case went to the grand jury. One of the grand jurors' assistants said it was doubtful whether the grand jury would be called on to hear the testimony.

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THE MACHIAS AT NEW-LONDON.

ALL READY FOR HER TRIAL TRIP—A DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VESSEL.

New London, Conn., June 5 (Special).—The new gunboat Machias, built at the Bath Iron Works, arrived in New London this afternoon preparatory to making her trial trip on the Sound. The Machias left Bath, Me., on Saturday afternoon, but she ran into a fog, and remained until this morning. She passed New London light at about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The machinery has worked satisfactorily throughout the trip, and the builders, Messrs. Hyde & Son, express themselves as satisfied with her in every respect. The trial trip has been postponed until next Thursday or Friday and will be made under the direction of a board of officers consisting of Rear-Admiral Ellington, Captain George C. Remey, Commanders Philip H. Cooper and Gager Goodrich, Chief Engineers William W. Beaton, Charles B. Roeker and Herschel Main, Lieutenant Commander Joseph N. Hempill, Lieutenant L. L. Remey, Naval Constructors Joseph Feaster and Assistant Naval Constructor George W. Street.

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A strawberry and ice cream festival will be held at the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, Boulevard and West Sixty-eighth, this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. A musical programme has been arranged, under the direction of the organist of the church, William E. Taylor. There will be recitations by Miss Sadie Van Tassel.

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